Retrenchment of Employees of BSP

†4791. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to reduce the number of employees working in Bhilai Steel Plant;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any decision in this regard so far; and

(c) if so, the details if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) to (c) As part of its business and financial restructuring, Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) are to attain a manpower level of around one lakh by March, 2005. This would entail reduction in manpower in all the steel plants and units under SAIL including Bhilai Steel Plant. This manpower reduction would be attained through natural separation, voluntary retirement and minimal recruitment without resorting to retrenchment. These measures & are being taken to improve the profitability of SAIL.

Financial Crises in BSP

†4792. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bhilai Steel Plant is passing through financial crises;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also fact that Government are contemplating a large scale retrenchment to come out of economic crises; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The trend of financial performance of Bhilai Steel Plant for the last three years

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

and 2001-2002 (April-December) is as under:

Particulars	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02 (April-Dec.)
Gross Margin	880	698	917	633
Interest	405	410	379	261
Cash Profit/loss	475	288	538	372
Depreciation	174	196	196	149
Net Profit/(PBT)	301	92	342	223

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Turnover of Public Sector Steel Plants

4793. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the turnover of public sector steel plants for 2000-2001 and 2001-2002, plant-wise, year-wise;

(b) the capacity generation of each steel plant in the public sector; and

(c) the profits of each steel plant from 2000, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) The turnover of Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL), Indian Iron and Steel Company (IISCO) and Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd. (RINL) for 2000-01 and 2001-2002 (April-Dec., 01) plant-wise and year-wise is an under: